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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/009,254 Confirmation No.: 8298
Applicant : Elizabeth E. Adderson et al.
Title : GENES FROM VIRULENT GROUP B
STREPTOCOCCUS AGALACTIAE
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of March 17, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) is filed concurrently herewith to extend the response deadline until September 17, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.